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# Bowl Canyon Recreation Area Now Open

**Window Rock, AZ** – May 16, 2011 – Navajo Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Bowl Canyon Recreation Area opened Friday, May 13th. The lake is open to the general public as an ideal place for camping, canoeing, trout fishing or picnicking.

The peaceful land and scenic surroundings provide a relaxed atmosphere. The recreation area is located near the Crystal, New Mexico community within the Chuska Mountains. Tall pines envelope the shore lines along with cedar and oak trees. The ambience is serene due to its isolate location.

The nearest convenience store is in Navajo, NM that is approximately 12 miles away. There is no electricity or running water available to campers. Park amenities include designated camp sites, fire pits, picnic tables, trash bins, waterless restrooms and gravel roadways.



Picnic Area overlooking Asáayi Lake.

This is a fee area; be prepared to pay for utilizing the recreation area. If you plan to do some fishing, please obtain a fishing license beforehand. Private boats or canoes are allowed on the lake with a boating permit. No motor-boats are permitted.

Day Usage fee is at \$10 per vehicle. If you are camping it will cost \$15.00 per night per campsite for up to 7 people. The Ramadas or large group shelters are available for rent at \$25.00 for half the day and \$50.00 for the full day. Money orders are preferred. If cash is used please provide the exact amount. Fee Collectors do not carry cash.

To obtain a fishing license you may purchase one at Navajo Pine Market in Navajo, NM. You may call Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife for a listing of available vendors or, if you have any questions pertaining to fishing or boating permits, at 928-871-6451.

The license fees are as follows: Seasonal Navajo license \$22.50, seasonal non-Navajo license \$40.00, 3 day Navajo license \$18.75, 3-day non-Navajo license \$25.00, daily Navajo license \$8.75, daily non-Navajo license \$15.00 and the second rod fee is an additional \$5.00 for all licenses.

Boating permits may also be purchased at Navajo Pine Market for \$18.00.



Ramada for large groups available at Asáayi Lake.

Alcohol is not permitted at the recreation area. Federal Law prohibits the possession, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages. The entire Navajo Nation is included in this law. Everyone living or traveling on the Navajo Nation is included.

Department of Water Resources would like to remind the public to preserve the Dam at Asaayi Lake by not removing rocks from the Dam area. The bridge is not intended for public use, therefore, there is no fishing off the bridge. For more information about the Dam call Safety of Dams at 928-729-4257.

Murray Lee, Senior Planner for the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department is the designated Manager of the Bowl Canyon Recreation Area. The staff consists of two Fee Collectors: Rolene Begay and Sandy Dixon, and two Laborers: Wesley Yazzie and Ronald L. Cecil. The staff will be available on-site during regular business hours. Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Sunday, June 12th is Free Fishing Day across the Navajo Nation. No fishing permit will be required on that day. Fishing bag limits and regulations will still apply. Camping and usage fees at Bowl Canyon will apply during that day.

For more information call the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department at 928-871-6647 or visit [www.navajonationparks.org](http://www.navajonationparks.org).

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